

REMARKS

Claims 30-39 are now pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Dang for indicating that Claims 30-39 are allowable (see page 8 of the Office Action dated March 13, 2006).

In the amendment submitted above, Claims 30-39 have been written in independent form. Accordingly, the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Hage is believed to be moot.

The Information Disclosure Statements identified at paragraph 4 of the Office Action are believed to comply with the Rules. If the Office can identify how those IDSs are defective, corrective action can be taken. Accordingly, Applicants look forward to such indication in the next communication from the Office.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

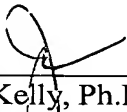
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